

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Mission Statement: Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

Rooted in the community of Gordon Head and the University, in communion with the Roman Catholic Church, Holy Cross Parish serves the people of God by sharing, teaching and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY April 14, 2019
Palm Sunday

We begin the most solemn week of the liturgical year. Once called the 'Great Week', nowadays we know it as 'Holy Week'. In it we witness the total self-giving of Jesus. Our liturgy this week invites us to follow Jesus every step of the way, beginning with his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Today's readings are so rich and abundant as to be almost overwhelming. The whole range of human emotions come into play in the readings today, evoking connections with those of us who have experienced loss, failure, misunderstanding, injustice, illness, temptation, abandonment, and betrayal, as well as courage in the face of danger and faithfulness in the face of even death. Great religion always responds to the question, "What can you do with your pain?" The Passion story is rich with details, thick with characters, and brimming with dialogues. The details speak plainly.

The final journey of Jesus was etched in the memory of his disciples. They too came to understand the full significance of that final journey only afterwards, in the light of Easter and with the coming of the Spirit. What they initially regarded as a great tragedy came to be good news. A story of brokenness and failure came to be recognized as a story full of promise and hope. Today's two readings and the psalm all begin with suffering but end with trust. The proclamation from Paul goes even further than trust, ending with Jesus' exaltation. These passages set the context within which we should consider the Passion. As we further reflect to Luke's passion story, we might find it easier to identify with the other characters in the story. We might recognize something of ourselves in the disciples who, at the last Supper, argued as to which of them was the greatest, in the followers of Jesus who, at the moment of his arrest, resorted to physical force when a different response was called for. This week look at the disciples in the readings... more specifically, be "one of them." Put yourself in the sandals of an original disciple. Imagine talking and listening to Jesus, looking into his eyes. Be with the man on his journey to Calvary.

How does the Passion story relate to us? The Passion is the means of our salvation. But it is more, it is the story of our lives. There isn't a part in the whole sordid script that we have not played to perfection. Peter in his pride and Peter in his fall and, hopefully, Peter in his repentance too. We'd mirror the disciples who fled at the first sign of danger, or the scornful spirit of Caiaphas and the high priests, eager to reform others while ignoring themselves. And Judas? Let's face it, there's a Judas element in all of us. There are times and situations in all our lives when Jesus could as easily say to us as he said to Judas, "Friend, why are you here?" As we begin Holy Week, this is a good question to reflect on, "Friend, why are you here?" Why do you say yes to Jesus? All that will transpire is laid out before us—the remembrance that is central to Holy Thursday, the pain of the cross that is Good Friday, the emptiness of Holy Saturday. Are we ready to walk with Jesus, to follow the "way of the cross" this Holy Week in order to prepare ourselves for the wonders of next Sunday and Easter? Or will Jesus walk alone.

Enter in and ponder why are you here,
Father William

OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed
Tuesday/Wednesday: 9am—2:30pm
Thursday/Friday: 9am—2:00pm

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HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS: If you or someone you love is admitted to hospital and would like a visit from your office or Eucharistic Minister, please call your parish office or VGH/RJ hospital emergency pager **250-889-3761** and ask for **Fr. Thomas Chinnappa** to make this request.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 18, 2019: 7pm at St. Patrick’s Parish
Good Friday, April 19, 2019: 9am Stations of the Cross, at Holy Cross, 2pm at St. Patrick’s Parish, 4pm at Holy Cross Parish
Easter Vigil, April 20, 2019: 8:30pm* at Holy Cross Parish
Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019: 7:00AM *, 9:00am* at Holy Cross Parish, 11:00am* at St. Patrick’s Parish
 *incense will be used.

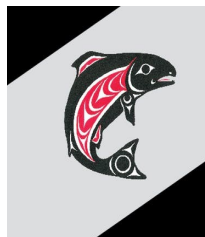
SHARE THE JOURNEY: SHARE LENT 2019

Thank you for your generous support of the 2019 Share Lent campaign!
 Development and Peace – Caritas Canada thanks you for your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, **\$4, 885.00** was collected in our parish. This sum will help support the actions of our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. If you have not had a chance to donate, there is still time to place your Share Lent envelope in the Offertory or to donate online at devp.org/give. Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

RESPONSIBLE MINISTRY SUPPORT

Someone from the Responsible Ministry Team will be in the office from 11-1 pm every Thursday to help people with their volunteer paper work and/or the online courses on a drop-in basis. (Also available by appointment.)

BISHOP’S GALA



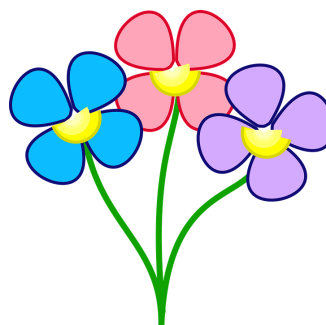
It’s that time of year again! We have two tables booked this year for Holy Cross and St. Patrick’s parishioners. If you are interested in buying a ticket for this much anticipated annual fundraising gala please contact Valentina at the Holy Cross office: 250-477-5321 to book your spot. Ticket’s are \$100 per person. The funds raised at the gala this year will go directly towards building a new church in partnership with the Ahousaht First Nation.

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS SUPPORTING Mt St. Mary Hospital

Time flies...for this special occasion **EMPLOYEE PRICING IS AVAILABLE FOR ALL ORDERS RECEIVED BEFORE April 30!!!**

Many plants available:

- Hanging baskets 70**
- Tomatoes 150**
- Geraniums 100**
- Employees you guessed it....**
- Total proceeds to date to Hospital \$90,262.50**
- One way or another please help me hit \$100,000!!**
- Thanks...ellis....250-477-6754**



PRAYER REFLECTION

No pain, no palm; no thorns, no throne; no gall, no glory; no cross, no crown.

—William Penn

Palm Sunday tells us that . . . it is the cross that is the true tree of life.

—Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **VERITAS:** An Opportunity to learn! Young Adults (18 – 40) are invited to explore the message of Jesus Christ who is Truth. A 6 week series, beginning May 14th, under the guidance of Fr. Dean Henderson, **VERITAS** is for persons seeking to renew their understanding of the catholic faith or perhaps learn various ‘truths’ that were never explained in their youth. **VERITAS** is also for those persons who are returning to the church after a period of absence and for those persons who are discerning entry into the Catholic church. Located in the Cathedral Hall, beginning with a meal at 5:30 pm followed by 2 DVD’s and small group discussion. The **VERITAS** course will be facilitated by trained young adults of St. Andrew’s Cathedral Young Adults Group. To register: contact the Cathedral at 250-388-5571 or email standrewscathedral@gmail.com
- **WE’RE BUILDING A CHURCH:** In partnership with the Ahousaht 1st Nation, we have been invited to build a new church this summer. If you are unable to attend, donations are also gratefully accepted. If you have items or services that would be suitable for the auction, please contact Gala organizers at 250-479-1331.
- **MARRIAGE ANNULMENT INFO SESSION:** The Annulment Process: *Marriage and Divorce in the Catholic Church*, presented by Louis Melendez, M.Ed., Assistant to the Judicial Vicar at the Diocese of Victoria. All your questions will be answered. Open to all interested, regardless of marital status. Tues., April 9th at 6:30pm at Our Lady of Fatima Parish basement (entry through the office). Call 250-479-1331, ext. 237 or e-mail marriage tribunal@rcdvictoria.org to register.
- **WHY DOES THE CHURCH EXIST?:** “*She exists in order to evangelize.*” (*Pope St. Paul VI*) All are invited to an **Evangelization Summit** on May 4th at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Victoria **8:30 am – 4:00 pm**. This is a day of faith, fellowship and formation. Please register free of charge at www.newevangelization.ca

LEFTOVER DISHES

Please note that there are still several bowls and dishes left in the kitchen after the final university dinner. If you have not yet picked up your dishes please do so. We have had to move them into a lower cupboard to make room on the counters for a couple of upcoming funerals. Thank you.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, April 14th

9:00am Mass: **Mary Finn, Ellen Ring, Hilary Ribeiro +**

4:00 pm Mass University Mass

MONDAY, April 15th

No Mass

TUESDAY, April 16th

9:00 am Mass: **Emma McConigtey (int)**

WEDNESDAY, April 17th

9:00 am Mass: **Patrick Hann +**

THURSDAY, April 18th

Holy Thursday

9:00 am Mass: **Asuncion Kilates Cortel +**

7:00pm Holy Thursday mass at **St. Patrick’s Parish**

FRIDAY, April 19th

Good Friday

9:00am Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross Parish

2:00 pm Service at St. Patrick’s Parish

4:00 pm Service at Holy Cross Parish

SATURDAY, April 20th

Holy Saturday

8:30pm Easter Vigil at Holy Cross

SUNDAY, April 21st

Easter Sunday

7:00am Mass: **Patrick Hann +**

9:00am Mass: **Elvira & Piero Magro +**

THANK YOU CORNER!

On behalf of our student leaders Bernie and Vanessa, and our CCO Team Leader Maria, and myself I wish to offer our sincere thanks for the year of potlucks which are both a delight for student pallets and a joy for their souls. I am so grateful for the support and love with which your efforts are given and received. It’s a been another great year, albeit one of some transition. Students are so blessed to have this community of faith on campus and you’re a significant part of that.

Fr. Dean Henderson

CONTACTS

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COLLECTION April 7, 2019

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 3,360.00
Loose	\$ 585.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,095.00
TOTAL	\$5,040.00

Development and Peace **\$ 4,885.00**

HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

MINISTRY	COORDINATOR	PHONE
Liturgy	Debby Pietraszek	250-477-7375
Liturgical Ministries:		
Usher / Greeter	Maria Arruda	250-477-5526
Altar Server	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Music	Various Choirs	250-477-5321
Altar Linens	Marg McDonnell	250-477-6332
Flowers/Art Envir.	Ann Francis	250-477-8650
Sun. Coffee, 9:00	Darlene Southwell	250-477-5738
Bulletin Folders	Vicki Ponsioen	250-383-0654
Sacramental Wine	John Bartle-Clar	250-995-1891

SERVING OUR HOLY CROSS PARISH COMMUNITY

Responsible Min.	Martha Oleson	250-477-6455
	Muna Haddad	778-881-5843
Parish Council	Esther Gormley	250-360-0107
Finance	David Begg	250-658-0870
Maintenance/Bldg.	Ed Boomars	250-881-8124
Cleaning Kitchens	Loretta Macdonald	250-477-6682
Annual Shed Clean	Jack Ponsioen	250-383-0654
Parish Grounds	Joe Mendonca	250-888-8930
Social/Comm. Life		
Baptism Prep.	Call office	250-477-5321
Marriage Prep.	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Children's Rel. Ed.	Giacinta Bewley	250-652-0204

Children's Liturgy of the Word	Valentina Boyd	250-813-0230
Catholicism		
Library	George Murphy	250-658-6061
Outreach/Visiting	Sheridan Cooper	250-598-0248
Bereavement / Funeral / Follow-Up	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Funeral Reception	Barb McKrow	250-477-8322

SERVING COMMUNITIES BEYOND OUR DOORS

Diocesan Appeal	Ed Chwyl	
Could You Ever Come Back To The Church	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
RCIA	Glenn Palahicky	250-479-1331
	Phil / Sheila Wall	250-385-7007
RCIC	Dan Taft Jr.	250-721-0821
Ecumenism	Terry Marner	250-380-0157
Social & Eco. Justice	Yvonne Hsieh	250-385-8322
Anawim	Parish Office	250-477-5321
Christmas Project	Coordinated by the Parish Office	
D&P/Share Lent	Barb McKrow	250-477-8322
Refugees	Trudy Holden	250-472-1079
St. Vincent De Paul	Martin Fletcher	250-592-9297
Univ/Camosun Bursaries	Tony Southwell	250-477-5738
Uvic/Camosun Outreach	John Oleson	250-477-6455